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SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH PRIME MINISTER: KANAKARATNE
TO REMAIN IN WASHINGTON

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1. AS I WAS DEPARTING AFTER AUG 29 CON-
VERSATION WITH PRIME MINISTER, SHE MENTIONED
SHE HAD DECIDED TO CONTINUE AMB NEVILLE
KANAKARATNE IN WASHINGTON RATHER THAN TRANSFER
HIM TO LONDON AS HIGH COMMISSIONER. IT HAD
BEEN DECIDED TO RETAIN KANAKARATNE BECUASE OF
CHANGE OF US ADMINISTRATIONS AND IN BELIEF IT
WAS IMPORTANT TO HAVE KANAKARATNE MAINTAIN CON-
TINUITY OF RELATIONS AND PERSONAL CONTACTS. I
TOLD PRIME MINISTER I PERSONNALLY THOUGH THIS
WAS WISE MOVE, OBSERVING THAT FROM MY PERSPEC-
TIVE, KANAKARATNE HAD DONE OUTSTANDING JOB.
HE WAS HIGHLY REGARDED BY US OFFICIALS AND
MOST OF HIS CONTACTS PROBABLY WOULD CONTINUE
AS MEMBERS OF FORD ADMINISTRATION.

2. COMMENT: EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FROM OTHER
SOURCES THAT W.M. TIKAKARATNA, WHO WAS SLATED
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REPLACE KANAKARATNE (REFTEL), TURNED DOWN

AMBASSADORIAL OFFER ON GROUNDS TERMS WERE NOT
GOOD ENOUGH.
VAN HOLLEN

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